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This is our most earnest and pressing aspiration. It has become an iron will and a marvellous strength promoting our people to unite and resolutely rise up to overthrow the cruel rule of the U.S. imperialists and their stooges for national salvation. In view of the supreme interests of the fatherland, with the firmness to struggle to the end for the people's legitimate aspirations and in accordance with the progressive trend in the world, the NFLSV comes into being.

The NFLSV undertakes to unite people of all walks of life, all social classes, nationalities, political parties, organizations, religious communities, and patriotic personages in South Vietna, without distinction of their political tendencies, in order to struggle and overthrow the rule of the U.S. imperialists and their henchmen, the Ngo Dinh Diem clique, and realize independence, democracy, life improvement, peace, and neutrality in South Vietna, and advance toward peaceful reunification of the fatherland.

The program of the NFLSV includes the following 10 points:

1--To overthrow the disguised colonial regime of the U.S. imperialists and the dictatorial Ngo Dinh Diem administration, lackey of the United States, and to form a national democratic coalition administration.

The present regime in South Vietnam is a disguised colonial regime of the U.S. imperialists. The South Vietnamese administration is a lackey which has been carrying out the U.S. imperialists political lines. This regime and administration must be overthrown, and a broad national democratic coalition administration formed to include representatives of all strata of the people, nationalities, political parties, religious communities, and patriotic personages; to wrest back the people's economic, political, social, and cultural interests; to realize independence and democracy; to improve the people's living conditions; and to carry out a policy of peace and neutrality and advance toward peaceful reunification of the fatherland.

2--To bring into being a broad and progressive democracy.

a--To abolish the current constitution of the Ngo Dinh Diem dictatorial administration, lackey of the United States, and to elect a new National Assembly through universal suffrage.

b--To promulgate all democratic freedoms: freedom of expression, of the press, of press, of assembly, of association of movement...(ellipsis as received); to guarantee freedom of belief with no discrimination toward any religion on the part of the state; and to grant freedom of action to the patriotic political parties and mass organizations, irrespective of political tendencies.

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- c--To grant general amnesty to all political detainees, dissolve all concentration camps under any form whatsoever, abolish the fascist law 10-59 and other antidemocratic laws; and to grant the right of repatriation to all those who had to flee abroad due to the U.S.-Diem regime.
- d--To strictly ban all illegal arrests and imprisonments and tortures, and to punish unrepenting cruel murderers of the people.
- 3--To build an independent and sovereign economy, and improve the people's living conditions.
- a--To abolish the economic monopoly of the United States and its henchmen; to build an independent and sovereign economy and finance, beneficial to the nation and people; and to confiscate and nationalize the property of the U.S. imperialists and the ruling clique, their stooges.
- b--To help the industrialists and trades people rehabilitate and develop industry both large and small, and to encourage industrial development; and to actively protect homemade products by abolishing production taxes, restricting or ending the import of those goods which can be produced in the country, and reducing taxes of import of raw materials and machinery.
- c--To rehabilitate agriculture, and to modernize planting, fishing, and animal husbandry; to help peasants reclaim waste land and develop production; and to protect crops and insure the consumption of agricultural products.
- d--To encourage and accelerate the economic interflow between the town and the countryside, between plains and mountainous areas; and to develop trade with foreign countries without distinction of political regimes and on the principle of equality and mutual benefit.
- e--To apply an equitable and rational system to abolish arbitrary fines.
- f--To promulgate labor regulations, that is: to prohibit dismissals, wage cuts, fines and ill-treatment of workers; to improve the life of workers and office employees; and to fix wages and guarantees for the health of teenage apprentices.